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EW CHURCH AT A SELVA BEACH

In the setting of the attractive La va Beach Community Hall, amid pine trees and overlooking the ific, a group of about forty wor- pers attended the service which was occasion of the signing of the La va Compact.

There were twenty-nine signers of new Church Covenant at the Jan- y 22 service, which was led by v. E. L. Spaulding, a resident of Selva Beach and a member of the w church, and Rev. William W. eyer, representing the Northern lifornia Congregational Conference. La Selva Beach has had a church ool for several years, organized h the help of Rev. T. Davis Preston Soquel, and assisted by several of r Student Summer Service workers rough two different summers. It s the La Selva Beach Sunday School ard, in fact, which took the tiative in the launching of the new urch. There were forty-eight in at- dance at Sunday School on the rning of the Covenant signing.

A remarkable spirit of fellowship d of Christian initiative has been ident in the meetings at La Selva d the group is now proceeding with rther steps in the organization, and determined to secure property look- g toward a future church building.

The La Selva Compact is as follows:

WE, the undersigned residents of Selva Beach and vicinity, desiring establish a church to the glory of od and the spiritual well-being of e community, ourselves and our ildren, do hereby agree and cove- nt together in the following state- ent of faith and purpose:

FIRST: We confess our faith in sus Christ, the Son of God and the viour of men.

SECOND: We accept Jesus' way life as mandatory and seek to apply in all areas of life; the family, the mmunity, the nation, and the world.

In the spirit of this Compact, and ith hope for divine guidance, we rpose to establish here a community urch which shall provide an oppor- nity for Christian fellowship and mmunity service. In the further- nce of this purpose, and in all activ- ies of the future, we would conform ur lives to the command of Jesus:

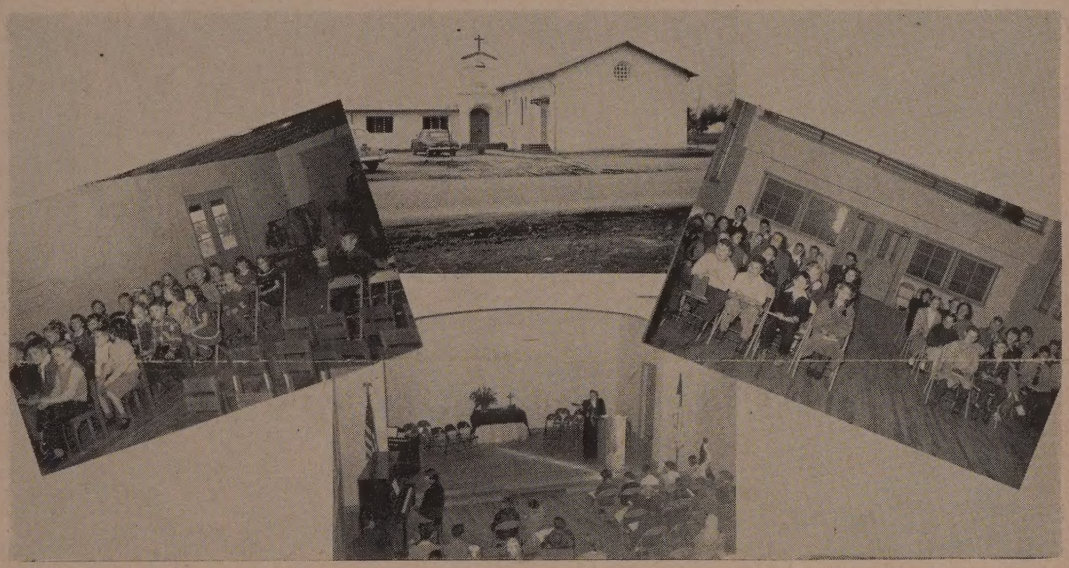
"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God ith all thy heart, and with all thy ul, and with all thy mind and with l thy strength; and thou shalt love y neighbor as thyself." (Luke 10:27)

AY ASSOCIATION NNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Bay ssociation will be held in the South erkeley Community Church on Fri- ay, February 24, beginning at 4:00 clock in the afternoon. Dinner will e served at $1.25 per plate, and res- rvations should be telephoned to the hurch (OLympic 3-5400) not later han February 22.

Supt. Harley H. Gill will give a alk at the dinner tables on "The State f the Churches." Devotional service ill be conducted by Rev. J. Hood navely and then addresses will be iven by Rev. William E. McCormack f San Francisco and Rev. Philip G. Murray of Plymouth Church, Oakland.

THE NEW SIERRA ARDEN CHURCH BUILDING



The new Sierra Arden building near Sacramento is now in use as these attractive pictures reveal. The exterior and interior views show a simple but churchly edifice. The other snapshots indicate the emphasis which the church has always had on work among children and youth. The photographs were taken on January 8. Over Christmas and New Year weekends, more than a thousand men, women, and children were in attendance at various occasions in the new church. There is still much equipment lacking. Besides the room which is pictured above, there is another assembly hall, a kitchen, a gallery, a small office, and a long veranda on the sunny side which, on many Sundays of the year, will be in use. Rev. Mary Chester, who stands in the pulpit in the lower center picture, is the pastor; and her husband, Rev. Joseph Chester, ably shares in the work as co-pastor. All of the churches of the Northern California Conference salute the Chesters and their loyal friends and supporters for their high accomplishment.

Introducing Rev. Philip G. Murray, the new pastor of Plymouth Church, Oakland. Mr. Murray was born in New Jersey, graduated from Bucknell College and Rochester Colgate Theological School. He started out as a Baptist, being assistant to Rev. W. S. Abernathy in Washington, D. C., and later was pastor in St. Paul, Minnesota. He spent a period in the Navy as chaplain and then was called to the First Congregational Church of Winona, Minesota, from which he has come to Plymouth. Mrs. Murray was from Minneapolis and Washington, D. C. They have one daughter, Barbara.

FLASH!

In the court case in Brooklyn the judge decides against the merger. **See page 2, column 4.**

CAZADERO TRUCK

Congregational Cazadero is the proud owner of the brand new two-ton Chevrolet truck purchased through the good offices of Rev. Hendrik Martynse of Loomis. The old truck, which was cast off by the U. S. Army and was purchased at the time when new trucks were not available at any price, has been a source of expense and irritation but has been indispensable. It will continue to be used on the grounds for rough work, particularly the moving of logs and dirt.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 14-16—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
February 19—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Fresno.
February 24—Annual Meeting and Dinner, Bay Association, South Berkeley Community Church.
February 26—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
March 9 — Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Sacramento.
March 12—Offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing."
April 9—Easter.
May 5-7 — German Congregational Conference, Free Cross Church, Fresno.
May 14—Mother's Day.
May 26-28—State Conference, Santa Cruz.
June 22-26 — General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.
June 26-29—Proposed dates for the first General Synod of United Church of Christ in America.
July 5-August 2—Pastors' School, La Foret, Colo.
September 11-13—Planning Conference of Board of Directors and all Conference committees at Cazadero.

Planning Conference

On recommendation of the Strategy Committee, the Conference Board of Directors has announced a Planning Conference to be held at Cazadero beginning at 5:00 p. m. on Monday, September 11, and continuing until Wednesday noon, September 13. This is to be one of the most important events of the entire year. All members of the Board of Directors and of all committees of the Board are to be gathered for the intensive planning of the program of the year. This is made possible by the fact that the Annual Meeting of the Conference will come in May when new officers will be elected. Immediately following, the Board of Directors will appoint its committees; and during the summer they will have the chance to organize and give some thought to their functions. Arrangements will be made to care for travel expense.

SELECTING DELEGATES

The Strategy Committee and the Conference Board of Directors strongly recommend to the churches that delegates for the Annual Meeting of the Conference be selected carefully and appointed early and that the church budgets provide an item for travel expense of their delegates. Too often delegates have been "picked up" at the last moment without any preparation and on their return have not been called upon to make any report to the church. As a result, there exists a vast ignorance among the rank and file of our people about the important work which the Conference does.

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RECORD OF 1949

Here is the record of what our churches did in their benevolence giving for the year 1949 in comparison with 1948. This would seem to show a tremendous gain, something over $22,500, but, wait a minute! Beginning a year ago, gifts for Relief and Reconstruction became a part of Our Christian World Mission and hence are within the apportionment. In 1948 Relief and Reconstruction was handled by the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction and was not in the apportionment. Those gifts amounted to $29,640, so that actually the total giving coming through our Conference treasury in 1949 was less than that of 1948 by $7,068. It should be remembered that none of these figures include the moneys sent directly to the national Boards. Complete report will not be printed until it comes out in the Congregational Year Book.

	App't 1948	App't 1949
Alameda	1,631.77	1,402.84
Alturas	218.61	230.97
Angels Camp	287.25	519.28
Antioch	305.28	220.50
Auburn	273.25	317.16
Benicia	52.00	15.50
Berkeley, Arlington	274.05	595.08
Chinese	———	60.00
First	9,106.29	10,702.67
North	1,472.85	1,609.73
Northbrae	400.00	276.17
South	550.55	876.46
Biola*	32.01	47.68
Campbell	790.89	919.26
Cedarville	106.47	109.93
Cloverdale	160.50	124.55
Cotati	133.75	64.50
Crockett	99.43	147.77
Dinuba*	.66	2.00
Eagleville	7.78	7.36
Elk Grove*	19.64	33.64
Etna	46.13	65.80
Eureka	774.17	1,326.47
Fairfax	163.10	275.00
Ferndale	443.21	449.91
Fowler	75.00	200.00
Fresno, First	1,487.75	3,245.15
Free Cross*	———	434.49
Japanese	66.51	85.00
Pilgrim	776.25	1,000.00
Zion*	41.14	66.08
Glen Ellen	120.00	34.23
Guerneville	84.60	318.16
Hayward	645.25	1,773.90
Kenwood	86.52	106.73
Likely	———	7.13
Lodi, Ebenezer*	44.99	368.74
First	3,540.65	4,049.59
Loleta	18.84	41.49
Loomis	413.59	100.00
Martinez	1,398.74	1,988.02
Modesto	———	70.18
Murphys	127.00	———
Niles	50.00	123.50
Oakland, Bethany Arm.	93.81	131.57
First	5,404.90	6,059.54
Fruitvale	141.57	217.41
Japanese	80.00	60.00
New Pilgrim	135.52	128.60
Plymouth	1,821.11	2,932.57
Orinda	999.97	1,805.58
Oroville	1,179.18	922.72
Pacific Grove	275.00	143.26
Palo Alto	2,259.39	4,223.00
Paradise	570.41	691.50
Parlier	20.00	10.00
Penngrove	174.28	122.55
Pescadero	10.00	23.86
Petaluma	1,242.77	1,928.25
Pittsburg	363.97	385.77
Port Chicago	154.14	61.10
Porterville	1,506.75	2,804.00
Redwood City	1,498.98	1,898.08
Reedley	15.00	21.28
Rio Vista	197.50	185.00
Ripon	393.13	435.24
Sacramento First	2,355.51	3,002.00
Oak Park	10.00	———
Sierra Arden	302.73	311.33
Salida	197.45	92.94
San Carlos	874.60	1,140.00
San Francisco		
Beth. M. Pk.	248.05	256.20
Calvary Arm.	30.00	30.00
Chinese	80.00	50.00
First	1,224.49	2,826.43
Ocean View	200.00	200.00
Park Presidio	418.18	716.91
Sanger*	30.39	245.57
San Jose	1,314.50	1,821.89
San Leandro	260.66	421.81
San Lorenzo	———	65.75
San Mateo	1,657.50	4,116.00
San Rafael	35.00	54.70
Santa Cruz	820.75	1,652.49
Santa Rosa	192.70	400.00
Saratoga	1,024.13	851.64
Sebastopol	572.36	472.99
Sonoma	276.13	117.18
Soquel	274.72	190.71
Stockton	1,332.02	2,272.81
Suisun	125.00	132.50
Sunnyvale	141.47	268.78
Sunol	25.00	38.52
Tulare	2,251.50	1,950.00
Weaverville	127.34	110.00
Woodside	121.50	29.00
Reno, Nevada	1,048.56	863.85
Miscellaneous, including Thank Offering and individual gifts	5,085.04	5,778.92
TOTALS	67,512.13	90,084.42

The "miscellaneous" item includes $1788.63 from the Pilgrim Fellowship, which will be credited to the various churches in the report to the Year Book.

The figures set forth above opposite the names of our German churches do not include the bulk of their missionary money, which goes through the national German treasury and which appears in the following list:

	1948	1949
Biola	$	$ 226.59
Dinuba	102.00	84.00
Elk Grove	———	159.51
Fresno, Free Cross	1,185.00	1,189.45
Zion	777.00	385.88
Lodi, Ebenezer	373.00	638.93
Sanger	213.00	401.44

These amounts include moneys remitted through the Conference office as noted in the regular church by church report above. There were in addition $130.15 from miscellaneous offerings and special gifts. Furthermore, our German churches gave a total of $3,393.36 for projects of their own Conference.

GET WELL SOON

Mr. Ralph H. Anderson, moderator of the Bay Association, former Moderator, and now president of the Board of Directors of the Conference, and active layman of the Hayward Church, has found it necessary for health reasons to discontinue his business and to limit his outside activities just to the work of the home church. His alert mind and keen interest will be missed by the groups with whom he has labored. We can only pray that this enforced rest will restore him to health and vigor.

Does anyone have an apartment-size cook stove using gas? It is needed at Modesto. The kitchenette will not permit a large range. If anyone knows about such a stove which could be donated, please write Rev. Elmo Wolfe, Route 6, Box 1273, Modesto, California.

Clarence M. Doxsee

Who would think that he is 88 years old and soon to be 89? His name is C. M. Doxsee, loyal layman of the Redwood City Church and active friend of the Northern California Congregational Conference. This picture was taken at the Iowa State College in June, 1948, when he attended the 65th anniversary of his graduating class, the sole representative of the class of '83. Those badges were for the 50th, 55th, and 60th reunions.

After graduation he was in business at Algona, Iowa, served a term as County Auditor, and was superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School. Moving to California in 1902, he was a rancher for four years, at the same time again serving as Sunday School superintendent, and this at our Campbell Church. Coming to Redwood City in 1906, he helped to organize the Abstract Company which soon became the San Mateo County Title Co., which he has served as president since 1908.

In his home city he has been a member of the School Board and the City Planning Commission. He has a perfect record of attendance at the Kiwanis Club for a quarter of a century, and almost as perfect a record as a churchman. He has been treasurer, trustee, and for two terms was on the Conference Board of Directors.

The Pacific salutes this noble layman.

BOOKS UNLIMITED

The Pacific is happy to announce to our readers the establishing of a cooperative book agency in Berkeley by Mr. Stanley R. Gould. An advertisement appears in this issue. Mr. Gould is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Gould, well known in this Conference. While a student, he was an active leader in our youth work. He can be reached by writing Books Unlimited, Box 775, Berkeley, Calif.

The Merger Case

Judge Meier Steinbrink has decid in favor of the plaintiffs who broug suit to stop the merger. Undoubtec this decision will make impossible t uniting meeting of the General Cou cil and the General Synod this comi summer. Whether or not it will perm nently defeat all efforts to unite something that only the future c determine. There are those who fav an appeal, and there are others wh believe that further efforts to find common ground should be mad There is a serious question as whether one judge in one burrou of New York has the right to ru finally on a matter which so vital concerns six thousand church across the country. Of one thi we are all certain: there is a deep ar strong will on the part of our peop to unite, not only with the Evangelic and Reformed Church but with oth Protestant denominations.

REDWOOD CITY — Dr. Cliffo M. Drury, of San Anselmo Theolo ical Seminary, was speaker at the a nual meeting, telling of his rece visit to Europe and North Africa. Tw displaced persons' families have bee approved for Redwood City and wi soon be on their way. Rev. Gale Engl is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST—The annua meeting and dinner followed th church service on January 22. A reports showed the church to be i excellent condition. One hundre eleven new members had joined dur ing the year. It was the 17th annua meeting under Rev. Clarence Reider bach's pastorate.

HAYWARD — This lovely nev building has a very complete amplifi cation system hooked up with recor player and tower chimes. The churc now has over 500 members, 25 bein received in the early part of Decem ber. Rev. Richard Norberg, th minister, has announced that anothe class will be received in February.

WEAVERVILLE—At long last th church is to have a new parish hall having secured a loan locally to insur its completion. On January 22, Rev L. L. Steadman, pastor, baptized six persons and received nine new mem bers, and this in spite of snow, rain and bad roads.

ALTURAS — The chancel choi gave a pop concert for funds to secure choir books for each of the three choirs and for the tuning of the pianos Fifty new chairs have been securec for the Social Hall. Rev. William Moll Case is pastor.

LOOMIS — By installing windows covered with velour drapes in the wall between the sanctuary and the ladies' parlor, the seating capacity has been enlarged to hold at least 350. Rev. Hendrik Martynse is pastor.

PORTERVILLE—The men of the church are having their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Sunday, February 12. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

Wanted—a piano or cabinet organ by the new Mira Vista Church. Perhaps somebody has such an instrument that he would be willing to lend or give. Please write Rev. Gifford Webster, Box 511, El Cerrito, California

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Literature, plans, and posters are out for our participation in "One Great Hour of Sharing." Sunday, March 12, is the date. The four great radio networks will carry broadcasts sponsored jointly by Church World Service and the Protestant Radio Commission. The emphasis will be forthrightly Christian and evangelical.

The need for Relief and Reconstruction is as great as ever. Churches may receive credit for their offerings on their apportionment. It is hoped that the collection on March 12 will raise the entire Relief and Reconstruction portion of the benevolence giving of our whole fellowship. Ministers are urged to order their materials, of which samples have been sent, at an early date. Rev. Norris Wilson of the Missions Council will cooperate in the fullest possible degree.

CHURCH BUILDING LITERATURE

For a list of more than 100 items of literature provided by the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, please send a card to

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

ACRAMENTO, PIONEER — o hundred sixty-three people joined church in 1949. This is probably largest number joining any church this Conference and perhaps in country. Total membership is now ut 1,400. Sunday attendance runs m 400 to 500. Twenty-seven usand dollars was raised for all rposes, and this church leads all ers in the Conference in pledges the Centennial Fund. The church ommitted to the raising of $50,000 a new youth building. Two new morial windows will be installed in rch. There are now three choirs, mbering a total of 110. Rev. Tor ce Phelps is the minister; Rev. B. Rice, assistant minister; and Miss ephine Fithian, Minister of Music.

SARATOGA—Forty-two members re received during 1949; and a dget of over $10,000 was adopted r 1950, 85 per cent of which is ured. A new furnace has been stalled which has improved the heat g of the sanctuary. Maroon robes r the choir have added much to the auty and dignity of the church rvice. The church and the church hool now meet simultaneously, re lting in increased attendance for th. Rev. Gordon L. King, the pas r, reports a fine spirit at the annual eeting with all officers and all de artments functioning satisfactorily.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR —For some months this church has een engaged in quiet campaign to ecure money for the erecting of a ew building for church school pur oses. It now holds $15,000 in cash nd $5,000 in pledges, but consider bly more is needed. The new build ng will replace one of the old bunga ows erected when the organization as new and which has been needed hrough the years, even after the large ew building was erected. Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, conducts a ible class on Friday afternonos.

COTATI—At the annual meeting, list of activities and items of progress as reviewed which surprised even he most devoted workers. This is nade possible by the full-time service eing rendered by Mr. Walter Vernon. The budget has been doubled. A public address and amplifying system has been purchased and paid for. Six adults were received into church mem bership. The church school enrolls 90.

FAIRFAX—This church is happy in the purchase of a new Wurl tzer electronic organ which, through a fortunate set of circumstances, was gotten very reasonably. Rev. James W. Montgomery, pastor, is trying the plan of dropping church school once in two months and having families come to the eleven o'clock service together.

PENNGROVE—Mrs. Laude Hays, wife of the minister, is the new church school superintendent; and the children are responding to her leadership. Church attendance gains have gone up as high as 500 per cent, and there is a substantial sum of money in the treasury. Not for many days has the work seemed so encouraging.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON — Committees are at work to select an electronic organ and to find the ways and means for purchasing it. More than 80 attended the annual meeting. Rev. J. Hood Snavely is the pastor.

KENWOOD-GLEN ELLEN—Capacity audiences greet Rev. H. J. Loken each Sunday as he serves both churches.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW—Rev. J. H. Bennett and the church are waiting almost with bated breath for the outcome of the meeting of the Church Building Committee of the Board of Home Missions. It is hoped that construction of the building at Randolph and Ramsell may begin within a few months. Preliminary plans have been drawn. Three thousand hours of work have been pledged by members and friends of the church, mostly by men who are mechanics and contractors. The church has about $3,000 in cash, more than $8,000 in good pledges; and the Conference has promised a substantial sum from its operating funds.

MODESTO—The Modesto Sponsoring Committee met in the new parsonage on January 18. The building is modernistic, but beautiful and liveable; and Rev. Elmo Wolfe and his family are very comfortably installed in it. The cost to date is about $8,700 cash, plus 1,200 hours or more of volunteer work. The architect declares that without doubt the building is worth $15,000. Some changes must now be made in the old building to make it suitable for worship and church school. Next activities will be concerned with the increasing of the constituency.

ORINDA — Paving and sidewalks have been installed so that pedestrians as well as automobiles can keep out of the mud as they approach the church. During 1949, the church had an increase of 31 members. The operating income was over $10,000. Two thousand dollars was given to benevolences; and resources for new building, including help from the Building Society, were secured to the extent of $50,000. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, the pastor, and an active Building Committee are wrestling with plans for an added structure.

SAN MATEO—Fourteen members were received early in January. The church is in the act of securing a new home for the minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Benton S. Gaskell. Plans were adopted at the annual meeting looking toward a building for a chapel and youth department facilities and classrooms. A preliminary meeting has been held for planning the formation of a Men's Club.

BERKELEY, NORTH—The high school young people made a hundred pounds of soap for overseas relief out of surplus fats contributed by the people of the church. Through the labor of the men of the church, a center aisle has been installed. New choir gowns are being secured with some type of chancel arrangements being considered. Rev. Williston Wirt is pastor.

SAN CARLOS — An application has been made for a displaced family. The church has now passed the 500 mark in membership. Seven hundred children are enrolled in the church school, meeting in 30-class groups with a staff of 42 regular teachers. Rev. Weldon Batty is pastor, and Miss Elizabeth Helz is Director of Religious Education.

CLOVERDALE — A reception to Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Mundell, who are serving the church, was held on January 22. In spite of inclement weather, there has been a decided increase in attendance at the services. On a recent Sunday, Mr. Mundell had the privilege of baptizing a new granddaughter.

MIRA VISTA—Not only has the Mira Vista Church permission to build, but the Conference now holds title to the property, a property extensive enough to permit the building of a church of several units and for off-street parking for 60 or more automobiles. This was made possible by the Centennial Fund and by loan and grant from the Congregational Church Building Society. A rumpus room in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Gifford Webster is being fitted up for group meetings. Services of worship will soon be launched in the Richmond YMCA. Sunday school classes are already meeting regularly.

SANTA CRUZ—Ernest Otto, who sooner or later always shows up at a new church in our Conference even though a faithful layman in his own church, has closed a career of 57 years' continuous service as its clerk. Is there any record to equal it anywhere? A purse was presented to him at the annual meeting expressing heartfelt appreciation. He has been a member of the church for 62 years. He knows more about churches and ministers than almost any layman in our fellowship. The Pacific and the Northern California Conference join the Santa Cruz Church in saluting our good friend, Ernest Otto.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — A welcoming dinner for the new minister, Rev. Philip G. Murray, and his wife was given on January 25, with 400 people enjoying a delicious turkey menu. Mr. John Finger, Chairman of the Church Council, presided. Greetings were extended by ministers of the East Bay and by Superintendent Gill. Mr. Murray gave a strong statement challenging his people to go forward in the fundamental work of a Christian church.

ALAMEDA—A rehabilitation program has been started for the purpose of painting the interior of sanctuary, foyer, Sunday School rooms, recreation hall, choir rooms, kitchen, hallways and entrances; the repairing of roofs; the construction of suitable restrooms; and the improving of lighting and other facilities. Rev. Ralph V. Conard is pastor.

OROVILLE—With the sheaf of reports for the annual meeting was printed a list of both resident and non-resident members. A 16 mm. motion picture projector is soon to be purchased. Rev. Byron Eshelman reports that the cottage at the rear of the church is to be made available for church purposes.

SAN LORENZO—Under the leadership of Rev. Homer Schwarz, who has probably put in more hours of work than anyone else, progress on the building goes forward, landscaping is being done, and little by little the magnificent plant is taking final form.

FRESNO, FIRST—Attendance in the new building has scarcely fallen below the high level set on Dedication Sunday. For example, on January 22, there were 176 at the 9:30 service, more than 300 at eleven o'clock, and 470 at the forum in the evening. An average of 20 new enrollments in the church school is being made each week. One hundred seventy-one new members were received by the church in 1949. The budget for the coming year is better than $25,000. According to John H. Gregg, the pastor, more than $5,000 was spent by the church in 1949 for benevolence projects.

SUNOL—This little church, which has had four or five or six members during the past many years, at one fell swoop received ten by letter, five by baptism and confession of faith, six on confession without baptism, five on reaffirmation, and three as associate members. Can any church anywhere show a bigger percentage of gain at one service of reception? Three more high school young people were kept at home by illness. This tells part of the story of the harvest of the effective work being done by Rev. Robert B. Whitaker since he took up his work last spring. What is more, the church is giving regularly for benevolences.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — At long last the unification of the Church and Society into a single corporation has taken place. New classes of members have been received each month, bringing new people into the church life. A new Couples Club for those whose average ages are under 40 has been organized. Rev. William E. McCormack, the pastor, wrote the study book for adult classes in the Pilgrim Series.

PETALUMA — Rev. Herbert C. Gans has suggested the surest way for a church to keep from running a deficit or from the necessity of special offerings, and that is for every member to resolve to attend church regularly and to invite unchurched neighbors to go along with them. Mr. Gans has given time each Wednesday morning in his study to meet with a women's group for prayer and meditation.

SANTA ROSA — Mr. William E. Welch, the pastor, has appeared before the Committee on Ministerial Standing of the Conference and received its approbation. Sometime in the late spring, a council will be called by his church to give further examination looking toward ordination.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE — Miss Pauline Louie of the Conference office is the editor of the "La Conga," parish news monthly of this church. She is also the Sunday School superintendent. The junior young people's group is now officially the Pilgrim Fellowship.

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CALENDAR OF THE YEAR

Members of our women's groups will be glad to have the following calendar of the normal year of activities of our Federation:

THE FEDERATION YEAR

JANUARY—Regular meeting, 3rd Thursday.

FEBRUARY—Winter rallies of the Federation — Association Women. (Now called Fall Rallies.) These will not be held in 1950. Instead, a regular meeting of the Federation will be held at First Church, Oakland.

MARCH — Regular Federation meeting, third Thursday. (In addition, in 1950, there will be an all-day Executive Board meeting on Wednesday, March 15.)

APRIL—Annual Federation Meeting (but not in 1950).

MAY—Spring Session (in 1950 this will be May 1-2). Annual State Conference—May 26, 27, 28, 1950, Santa Cruz.

AUGUST — Regular Federation Meeting, third Thursday.

SEPTEMBER — State Conference Planning Conference. At Cazadero, September 11-13, 1950.

OCTOBER — Association Meetings and Fall Federation Meeting — held outside of Bay Area (now called "Spring Meeting").

NOVEMBER—Regular Federation Meeting, third Thursday.

READ, THEN ACT

Crowded hearings are taking place in Washington on Senator William Langer's bill asking Congress to outlaw interstate transmission of alcoholic beverage advertising. On January 12 members of the Senate committee on interstate and foreign commerce heard 32 witnesses. . . Several members of Congress asked that the record of the hearing show that they had received petitions from their constituencies, signed by thousands of people, asking passage of this legislation. This does not mean that the opposition has been silenced, or that powerful influences will not be brought to bear on Congress to block passage of the Langer bill. . . Interstate advertising of intoxicants, whether by press, radio or television, must be stopped. Some false and fraudulent advertising is already controlled by law. . . Liquor advertising rightfully belongs in this category. Its purpose is to deceive. It is directed at the youth of the nation. It invades homes with false and glamorous promises. . It crosses the boundaries of dry states and territories and encourages citizens to violate their own laws. Congress should use its power to declare that interstate transmission of liquor advertising is opposed to sound national policy and must stop. It will have to do so if church people make their convictions known to their congressmen. —The Christian Century.

THANK OFFERING

Not quite up to last year but safely above the goals for the various projects which were adopted a year ago. That is the story of the women's Thank Offering. The church by church list for 1949 compared with 1948 is presented herewith. One new church appears in the list and five churches for one reason or another did not contribute during 1949. No one can measure the help which this Thank Offering, given out of the love and generosity of our women, means to the total cause and to the various projects. Our thanks goes to Mrs. Scott Haymond, who was Thank Offering secretary this past year, and our good wishes go to Mrs. J. H. McCartney, who becomes the Thank Offering leader for 1950.

	1948	1949
Alameda	$98.00	$101.00
Alturas	15.03	7.82
Angels Camp	15.00	15.00
Antioch	54.00	36.55
Auburn	37.50	17.30
Benicia	43.24	43.13
Berkeley, Arlington Ave.	25.20	29.65
First	174.52	181.45
North	74.87	72.90
South Community	47.30	50.00
Campbell	55.00	50.00
Cedarville	2.75	.....
Cloverdale	22.95	24.08
Cotati	31.00	22.25
Crockett	25.00	.....
Eureka	42.20	54.65
Ferndale	21.87	10.05
Fowler	77.50	34.30
Fresno, First	131.70	145.50
Pilgrim	11.00	12.00
Hayward	70.00	25.00
Lodi, First	37.00	122.02
Loomis	16.00	19.80
Martinez	53.00	43.65
Oakland, Beth'y Armenian	5.00	5.00
First	333.40	286.71
Fruitvale	38.00	26.95
Japanese	18.10	5.00
New Pilgrim	33.92	24.27
Plymouth	111.27	100.00
Orinda	100.08	111.50
Oroville	50.00	50.00
Pacific Grove	50.00	75.00
Palo Alto	204.85	155.00
Paradise	57.73	46.88
Penngrove	8.40	8.25
Petaluma	82.10	68.46
Pittsburg	64.65	44.51
Porterville	54.60	56.50
Redwood City	23.00	145.79
Rio Vista	65.00	60.00
Ripon	61.18	76.52
Sacramento, Oak Park	.....	39.36
Pioneer	67.81	63.89
San Carlos	107.65	115.23
Salida	22.50	16.47
San Francisco, Calvary Arm	17.00	25.00
First	100.00	100.00
Grace United	33.10	23.30
Ocean View	10.00	13.33
Park Presidio	5.00	2.50
San Jose	74.00	.....
San Leandro	100.00	100.00
San Lorenzo	15.75	21.72
San Mateo	235.60	249.00
San Rafael	6.50	.....
Santa Cruz	129.34	109.00
Santa Rosa	9.00	7.00
Saratoga	121.00	106.50
Sebastopol	23.40	15.00
Sonoma	26.25	24.50
Stockton	75.00	65.53
Sunnyvale	31.00	29.00
Tulare	26.00	25.00
Weaverville	33.00	51.1
Woodside	21.40	.....
	$3,833.21	$3,666.9

HELP NOW

Word has been received that mediate assistance can be given Displaced Persons already in the Area but who have not been able become settled as yet. Church Wo Service, American Friends Serv Committee, and other social agenc are being called upon to help rese these people by supplying them w jobs and housing opportunities.

The reason that this condition ex is partly due to the lag that has curred between the time that original assurance was filed by sponsor and the time of arrival the newcomers. In many instan the original job covered by the surance no longer exists; and, the fore, it falls upon the sponsor a those associated with him in the p gram to find a new opening and some cases new housing facilities.

Churches in our Conference m have hesitated to take out an ass ance because of this time lag. We therefore calling this matter to t attention of all churches interested the program asking them to canv their memberships to see wheth there are any immediate job opp tunities or immediate housing acco modations or both.

Any information along this line th may be helpful should be sent to D Williston Wirt, Chairman, Displac Persons Committee, North Congreg tional Church, Berkeley, California.

"I was a stranger and ye took m in."

Social Action Committee.
A. O. Pritchard, Jr., Chairma

STATE CONFERENCE

Just as The Pacific goes to pre the Program Committee for the A nual Meeting of the Conference w hold its first session. Moderator Hug Vernon White will be the chairma With him will serve Mrs. Holland Burr, Program Chairman for the Fe eration of Congregational Wome Mr. Herbert Hilker, President of th Laymen's Fellowship; Rev. Ed Cu ningham, pastor of the Santa Cru Church, which will entertain the Co ference; and Staff Members Willia W. Meyer, Sidney H. Buckham, an Superintendent Gill.

Work goes forward rapidly on th swimming pool at Cazadero. The ho has been scooped out by a bulldoze Reinforcing steel has been purchase A college-age work camp took plac on January 27-29 at which excavatio was completed and drainage tile laid.

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